

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 824
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amy Hazelwood on
being named Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Amy Hazelwood of Hillcrest Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazelwood has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, as stated by Director of Schools Dr. Dale Lynch, "To be recognized as building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive;" and

WHEREAS, Amy Hazelwood, along with all school-wide Teachers of the Year, will be considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories, pre-k through grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazelwood places great emphasis on education in her personal life as well as her professional work, having earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from Carson Newman College; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for six years, including the last two as a Third Grade Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Amy Hazelwood is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she is a Grade Level Chair and Yearbook Sponsor, and she serves as a mentor to new kindergarten faculty, a Carson Newman College freshman education student, and an East High Future Educator Society student; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazelwood is an active and invaluable member of her community and her profession; she has shared her time and talents as Corresponding Secretary for Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Zeta Chapter, attended the DKG Spring Symposium at the University of the South, and is the American Education Week Chair and Third Grade Representative for the Title I Committee; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she utilizes her musical talent to serve her Lord and her church, where she has been an accompanist for sixteen years and has directed numerous productions and performances; and

WHEREAS, Amy Hazelwood is deeply devoted to her students and her community, having stated, "It is a community worth serving...a community that has given so much to me. I am proud to serve as a public school teacher, and I look forward to seeing my students grow up to be successful and proud citizens of Morristown as well"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazelwood truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amy Hazelwood on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Hillcrest Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.